# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2009
ENCROACHMENTS ON RAILWAY LAND
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether large stretches of railway land are being encroached upon in various parts of the country including Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such encroachments have been causing serious operational and other problems;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto; and

(e) the measures taken by the Railways to remove such encroachments?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 141 BY SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2009 REGARDING ENCROACHMENTS ON RAILWAY LAND

(a) & (b): Railway land measuring about 1042 hectares is under encroachments involving a total of 1.42 lac encroachments. Railway zone-wise details of encroachments on railway land as on 31.12.2008, are given below.

| RAILWAY ZONES | NUMBER OF ENCROACHMENTS | AREA (IN HECTARE) OF RAILWAY LAND UNDER ENCROACHMENTS |
|---|---|---|
| Central | 27352 | 74 |
| Eastern | 9409 | 22 |
| East Central | 9222 | 19 |
| East Coast | 3279 | 30 |
| Northern | 31728 | 221 |
| North Central | 2529 | 50 |
| North Eastern | 2632 | 28 |
| Northeast Frontier | 11710 | 170 |
| North Western | 1032 | 19 |
| Southern | 9709 | 65 |

South Central 2728 26

South Eastern 7436 166

Southeast Central 10914 52

South Western 542 16

Western 10798 42

West Central 860 42

TOTAL 141880 1042

(c) to (e): The encroachments are safety hazards not only to the trains and passengers but also to the encroachers. Many times the trains have to be slowed down due to encroachments near tracks. Railways face problems in use of such encroached lands for developmental/expansion projects for their operational uses. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from Railway land as per provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and Railways Act, 1989.